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SYRIAN 'HIGH TREASON' SENTENCES

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(TEXT) DAMASCUS--IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN DAMASCUS TODAY THAT THE SPECIAL MILITARY COURT HAS SENTENCED IN ABSENTIA TWO SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS TO DEATH FOR HIGH TREASON. THE OFFICIALS, SYRIAN VICE CONSUL IN EAST GERMANY AHMAD KHALIL HANDE AND THE CONSULATE'S ACCOUNTANT, MUHAMMAD ABU AL-FARAJ AS-SAMHAN, WERE ACCUSED OF CARRYING OUT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES FOR A FOREIGN STATE, RECEIVING MONEY TO CARRY OUT ACTIONS HOSTILE TO THE SYRIAN REVOLUTION'S OBJECTIVES, AND SNUDDLING PEOPLE FROM EAST BERLIN TO WEST GERMANY IN THE INTEREST OF THE CIA NETWORK ATTACHED TO NATO.

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